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TAGS: ENRG, EIND, TD, US

SUBJ: ENERGY: GOTT AND GRACE TO BUILD JOINT VENTURE FERTILIZER  
PLANT

REF: POS 147, JANUARY 18, 1974

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PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS ANNOUNCED IN HIS JANUARY 17 SPEECH  
(REFTEL) THAT ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED BETWEEN THE  
GOTT AND THE W.R. GRACE COMPANY TO BUILD A 1,200 TON/DAY  
NITROGENOUS AMMONIA PLANT. THE TWO PARTNERS WILL PARTICIPATE  
ON A 50-50 BASIS, WITH GRACE REPRESENTED BY ITS LOCAL SUB-  
SIDIARY, FEDERATION CHEMICALS LTD. (FEDCHEM), WHICH HOLDS A  
CONTRACT TO OPERATE THE PLANT. COMPLETION OF THE AMMONIA  
PLANT IS SCHEDULED FOR 1976, WITH EXPANSIONS PLANNED LATER TO  
PRODUCE ANHYDROUS AMMONIA (1979) AND ETHYLENE METHANOL (1981).  
THE PLANT WILL CONSUME LOCALLY-PRODUCED NATURAL GAS AND WILL  
BE LOCATED ADJACENT TO FEDCHEM'S EXISTING AMMONIA PLANT AT  
POINT LISAS, TERMINAL OF THE PROPOSED CROSS-TRINIDAD NATURAL  
GAS PIPELINE. ACCORDING TO JANUARY 19 PRESS STORIES,  
THE PLANT WILL COST \$58 MILLION, \$37 MILLION OF WHICH  
IS EXPECTED TO BE OBTAINED FROM EXIMBANK, AND THE  
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